HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE N.V. RAMANA

W.P.No.10501 of 2007

Dated 31st day of August, 2007

Between:

Kancherla Ravindra Babu ..
Petitioner

And

Southern Power Distribution Company of
Andhra Pradesh Limited,
rep. by its Chief General Manager/HRD,
Tirupathi, Chittoor District
and another ..
Respondents

O R D E R:-

This writ petition is filed seeking a mandamus to declare the action of the respondents in not processing the petitioner's application to the post of Junior Lineman on contract basis and not sending call letter in spite of his possessing requisite qualification and eligibility, as illegal and arbitrary.

The petitioner asserts that in pursuance of the Notification issued by the 1st respondent-Andhra Pradesh Southern Power Distribution Company Limited in the month of June, 2006, he applied for the post of Junior Lineman on contract basis. Now, the grievance of the petitioner is that even though he possesses requisite qualifications and satisfies the eligibility criteria for the post, the 2nd respondent, did not send him Hall Ticket, but orally stated that the petitioner's application was not processed on the ground that his academic qualification of National Trade Certificate Course in the trade of Electrician issued by the Department of Employment and Training, Government of Andhra Pradesh, is not equivalent to I.T.I. Certificate. The 2nd respondent also did not permit him to attend the interview held on 25.4.2007 but permitted other similarly qualified candidates for the same post.

The 2nd respondent has filed counter affidavit *inter alia* denying

the averments of the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition and further stated that the petitioner never made any application to the respondents for the post of Junior Lineman, and hence, they did not issue him any Hall Ticket. It is also stated that the applications of those persons who applied for the post of Junior Lineman in pursuance of the Notification dated 6.6.2006 or revised Notification dated 20.10.2006 were considered and eligible candidates were intimated to appear for pole-climbing test on 25.4.2007 as per the eligibility prescribed in the Notification.

Heard the learned counsel for both the parties and perused the material placed on record.

In view of the non-submission of application by the petitioner, the respondents have not called him for the pole-climbing test. There is no material on record to show that the petitioner submitted any application. He has not even filed any acknowledgment or receipt in proof of submission of his application in pursuance of the Notifications, within time. It is not even averred in the affidavit that on which date the application was submitted.

Under the circumstances, it is not proper to say that the respondents have not considered his application and called for interview.

Hence, this Court sees no merit in this writ petition and the same is accordingly dismissed. No costs.

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(N.V. RAMANA, J.)

Dated 31st August, 2007

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